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AUSTRALIA WILL FINISH ISRAEL!

BY FRANK COLETTA

AUSTRALIA put one foot into the World Cup door last week when they went to Israel and beat the home side 2-1.

It was an extraordinary match. The Aussies had so much against them but were still much too good.

Now this weekend the Aussies are aiming to put an end to the Israeli World Cup campaign.

The Australians are full of confidence and are going into the Melbourne match looking to end Israel's challenge.

Of course actions are louder than words and the Socceroos know that

Israel will be going at them at 100mph in an attempt to avenge last week's drubbing.

LAST WEEK'S MATCH

After only 24 minutes, Australia's coach Frank Arok was "sent-off" the Australian bench for a verbal attack on the referee.

It was as Arok claimed, "a bloody silly thing to do," but it was just another example of

the home team with a parochial crowd (this time of some 45,000) getting the decisions. The Israeli coach was making himself heard more than Frank and he got away with it.

Australia were undeterred however and it was obvious they had a mission and nothing was going to stop them.

They took no liberties as they hounded the Israeli ball-players, forcing them into unusual

errors.

Not even the loss of ace goalie, Terry Greedy, after 38 minutes could alter the Australian effort.

The Israelis, sensing the support of referee Agnolin, continually went down for nothing.

They gave the impression they were a proverbial pack of prima-donnas.

Things looked bleak from the opening minute, when Israel's right-

back, Machness, drove a rasping shot into the side-netting... but the Aussies were undaunted and carried on regardless.

Australia "scored" in the 10th minute but had the goal ruled out by Agnolin because of two successive fouls back up-field.

Steve O'Connor had brought Malmillian to grief and Ken Murphy had got in a spot of bother just prior to the cross that found Oscar

Crino slamming the ball home.

Australia were playing with a carefree approach not regularly seen from the Socceroos. Joe Watson excelled, continually switching play, evading reckless tackles and running his heart out.

Front-runners David Mitchell and John Kosmina never gave Avi Cohen and co. a moment's peace.

Australia began to play to their strengths, putting over high han-

ging balls to Kossie and Mitch who would set up play with headers.

Israel became flustered by Australia's obsession of shooting on sight, something that Frank Arok had emphasised to his forwards who were readily aided by the midfield who were ever-ready to have a dig.

Then came another setback. With only seven minutes to the half-time

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Israel goalkeeper Arie Haviv collects the ball under pressure from Australia's Oscar Crino during Tuesday's World Cup soccer qualifying match in Tel Aviv

AUSSIE HEROES RETURN

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

AUSTRALIA's WORLD CUP heroes returned to Australia late last week more confident than ever of winning the Oceania Group after successfully sinking Israel last week 2-1 in Tel Aviv.

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At the press conference following the arrival of the Australian squad. From the left, Captain John Kosmina, Coach Frank Arok, Assistant Coach Eddie Thomson, battered keeper Terry Greedy and one of the stars of the match, 'Jinky' Joe Watson.

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break, Australia's keeper Terry Greedy was downed by an accidental knee.

In collecting the injury, Greedy actually made a superb save. The ball was screwed by Israel across goal where left-back Graham Jennings played the ball towards his own goal. Greedy advancing made a superb one-handed reflex save as the ball was destined for the goal.

On recovering the loose ball, Jennings and Armeli clashed in front of Greedy who received a knee to the head, was carried off and subsequently had five stitches inserted in the wound.

Australia didn't need to fret however because his substitute, Jeff Olver, was in fine form.

A sign of things to come was the havoc David Mitchell began to create with his power and height.

Then came the start of a fabulous half of football.

Just 16 seconds into the second half, Israel's defence, notably right-back Machness, made a mess of a regulation pass. Mitchell stole in like a thief in the night, rounded the keeper and finished from an angle.

All the mad insomniacs 'down under' jumped for joy as the Ramat Gan Stadium went silent.

Inexplicably Israel began to panic and Australia made them pay dearly.

In the 49th minute, Graham Jennings made an incisive burst down the flank, hit over an inch-perfect cross that John Kosmina buried with a demonic header ... 2-0 and we were looking good.

Australia could have had a third when Oscar Crino sent David Mitchell galloping through the middle. Mitch steadied and hit a perfect shot

only to be denied by a great one handed save by Haviv the Israeli keeper.

Israel got their goal in the 65th minute through Armeli and the crowd suddenly came to life.

But for a magnificent one-handed save by Jeff Olver, the crowd's prayers might have been answered.

In a remarkably similar incident to the one which led to Greedy's injury, Jeff Olver was forced to make a reflex save from right-back Alan Davidson.

With five minutes remaining, Ken Murphy was sent-off for a second yellow card offence. The injustice was immeasurable as so many other incidents had occurred and not been punished.

Murphy had received a yellow card earlier for a foul and was given his marching orders for kicking the ball away when it had supposedly gone out.

But Australia were not to be denied on that night, they were simply too good. They stuck well and truly to a near fool-proof match plan. They set themselves about, letting the Israelis know they were there and then went about tearing strips off them.

AUSTRALIA: Greedy (Olver 38), Davidson, Jennings, Yankos, Ratcliffe, O'Connor, Watson (Dunn 81), Mitchell, Kosmina, Murphy, Crino.

ISRAEL: Haviv, Machness (Rosenthal 50), Pizanti, Epholz, Cohen, Kirat (Selektor 60), Sinai, Malmilian, Armeli, Turk, Ohana.

REFEREE: Luigi Agnolin (Italy)
CROWD: 45,000

THIS WEEKEND, the Socceroos meet Israel in the return in Melbourne. Australia has done us proud in Tel Aviv in testing conditions, we at ASW sincerely hope that all you Melbournites get out to Olympic Park, jam-pack it and scream yourselves hoarse in support of the boys in the Green and Gold.

Don't let anyone tell you that the most important match has been play-

BIG BROTHER MOVEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

ALREADY two of this recipients of the big brother movement scholarships have departed for their stint with English First Division Club Tottenham Hotspurs.

They are the two Australian Institute of Sport players selected. Paul Jones and Alex Cummings. Both these players hail from Western Australia who appear to have a big future in the game.

Paul Jones already has been to the fore at national level, starring in the Preliminary World Youth Cup play offs in Sydney earlier in the year, and later a member of the squad that recently returned from the World Youth Cup finals in Russia.

Alex Cummings who has been at the institute for the past two years is young enough to be eligible for the 1987 World Youth Cup team.

Two more boys will depart this week to spend their stint with Luton Town another English First Division Club. They are two of the younger recipients, Mineo Bonetig from

Illawarra who was a member of this years successful NSW U/15 State Squad who took out the championship in Adelaide. Mineo has also had brief runs with the Wollongong National Youth League team. Also joining him is Adam Carroll from Orange and his award of a scholarship certainly gives hope for other Country Boys to strive for better things.

Adam is a member of this years successful Country U/16 representative team as well as being in the final U/16 State Squad trials.

Luton Town are well known for their Youth Development Programme under manager David Pleat and Youth team coach Trevor Hartley who has also managed English Club Bournemouth as well as a stint as National coach in Singapore.

In late November three more boys will be off to another First Division Club. Paul Quarmby and Antoine Avelino from Blacktown City and Melita Eagles, who will have a month at a club before joining their Australian High School teammates on their tour of the UK and David Barrett a member of this years successful U/16 National team in China.

Its a great opportunity for the boys to experience life at a full time professional club, they are excited about the experience and all of them not only have the necessary skills, but are of good character and a credit to Australian Soccer. The big brother movement under the chairmanship of Jock McCausland are to be congratulated on their generous offer of scholarships to these boys.

— ALAN VEST



TERRY GREEDY, Australia's World Cup goalkeeper, is helped off by Dr Brian Corrigan after being injured in the clash with Israel.

JAMES HARDIE CONTINUES

NO, we're not talking about last weeks epic motor race but a deal that will gladden most soccer supporters.

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James Hardie, noted for its involvement in all sports and community activities is very keen to pursue its involvement with youth in the ACT through schoolboy promotions and the development of the NSL Youth team which this year lost the championship only on goal difference to Wollongong. Naturally Canberra City Olympians are over the moon about the continued backing of James Hardie and as coach Roy Thomson said at the club's presentation night "now that Parramatta (the NSW Rugby League team sponsored by James Hardie) is on the way down, Canberra City Olympians are on the way up".

— JOHNNY WARREN

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The Editor

IT IS not often Australia beats a top rating country like Israel in the pre-match hype but Frank Arok gave Israel's Joe Merimowitch a good run for his money prior to the historic win last week.

Firstly the late inclusion of Alan Davidson had Merimowitch scurrying around, trying to rectify his tactics that had been based on playing the Aussies with no Davo.

Frank started well but the best was yet to come.

Only three days prior to the match, Arok exclaimed that he was waiting on the arrival of striking bombshell, EDDIE KRNEVIC to appear at any time!

Suffice to say, it was a joke but one that had the desired effect.

Not for Eddie Thomson though, who said later, 'When Frank said it, I nearly spilt my coffee!'

It must be said though that Israelis came back pretty well when on Monday night (Australian time) during Australia's final training session the lights 'went out' at the stadium.

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IT seemed for a time that the only spot where Australia may have fallen down in Israel prior to the match was in accomada-tion.

You might say, 'But they were in the Hilton, there is nothing wrong with that'.

Quite the opposite actually, whilst the Aussies had all the luxuries there, the Israelis took no such liberties and they stayed at a nearby kibbutz in spartan-like conditions, primed to keep their minds on the job and nothing else.

Obviously the Israeli accomodations had adverse effects.

The problem always was that is could readily have backfired as the players were forced to think only football and nothing else and in hindsight it did!

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WHETHER or not Ken Murphy will be suspended or not, we must only wait and see, but his sending off last week just goes to show some of the top referees in the world can be as amateurish as anyone.

Luigi Agnolin, is has been said, went up to Aussie coach Frank Arok after the match and apologised, stating that Murphy's dismissal had been incorrect because the linesman had confirmed afterwards that the ball was still in play when kicked by the midfielder.

Now say for arguments sake, Australia had conceded a goal in those last five minutes, then what would have happened?

The easiest solution for the referee, would have been to have consulted his linesman before giving Murphy his marching orders but then when has common sense ever prevailed?

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AUSTRALIA certainly set the proverbial 'cat amongst the pigeons' with their eclipsing of Israel last week.

Now New Zealand are not looking forward to the inevitable meeting with Israel, their coach Kevin Fallon claiming the Israelis will be taking a broader outlook on the game and more important going all out attack.

He's probably right you know and that game could be the decider.

Mark it down in your diary, November 10.

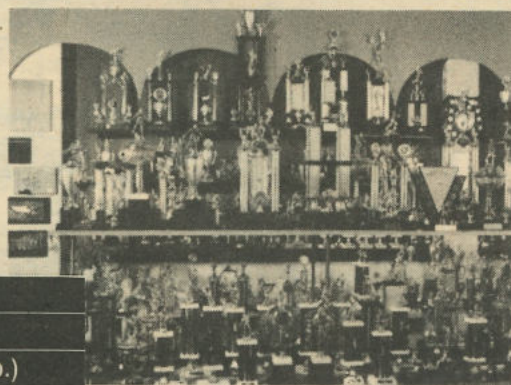
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AS AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY 'said' a fortnight ago Australia will be endeavouring to bring home two points from Israel and they would do it with concentrated attack.

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As they filed out of Sydney's International terminal, the Australian heroes were swamped by television cameras and pressmen scrambling to get pictures and quotes.

Australia's coach, Frank Arok promised: "We now should be able to win our home match next Sunday against Israel and eventually the Oceania Group."



Joe Watson is seen with wife Janice.

NSL SAME 1986 14 TEAMS 1987

By JOHN ECONOMOS

THE NSL's 1985 format of 24 teams in two divisions will be retained for the 1986 season as decided by the Council of Clubs meeting held at the Hakoah club in Sydney over the week-end.

At the same meeting it was resolved that for the 1987 season the number of clubs will be slashed to 14 to contest the championship in one division.

Final positions on the League in 1986 will determine which clubs will participate in the one division 1987 League.

It was also resolved that in 1986 the Northern division will subsidise claimed losses through travel costs suffered by the Melbourne clubs carrying the two Brisbane clubs in their division.

A levy of \$40,000 will be paid by the Northern clubs to subsidise such costs.

The criteria for acceptance of teams for the 1987 season will be finalised by January 31st 1986.

At this stage, it is anticipated that the League's major sponsor, (Olympic Airways) will extend its sponsorship.

KIWIS WIN AGAIN

New Zealand defeated Chinese-Taipei 5 nil in Wellington in their second World Cup qualifying match after having beaten the Chinese 5-1 in the first leg.

Scorers for the Kiwis were Grant Turner 2, Colin Walker 2, and Allan Boath.

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WORLD CUP Group Oceania

	P	W	D	L	G	F	A	PTS
New Zealand	3	2	1	0	10	1	5	5
Israel	3	2	0	1	11	2	4	4
Australia	2	1	1	0	2	1	3	3
Taiwan	4	0	0	4	1	21	0	0

John Kosmina, Australia's deadly striker and captain, told ASW:

"It was tough but we were ready for anything."

"We adopted a ruthless approach and attitude from the outset. We dished out plenty, but nothing more than we copped."

Joe Watson, one of the stars of the Israeli battle, stated:

"I was pleased with my performance but it was the excellent overall team performance that won it for us."



Pictured are Andrew Pachalidis (Radio 2GB) in authentic dress, physio Charlie Jurisic, ASW's John Economos, striker David Mitchell and defender Graham Jennings

Australia's "Charles Bronson", steel-tough centre-back, David Ratcliffe quietly reminded ASW at the airport:

"Before we left for Israel, I told you blokes it would be 2-1 for Australia."

"So what's all the fuss about?"

Terry Greedy, Australia's goalkeeper stretched off the pitch in the first half after suffering a gash across

his left eyebrow which later required seven stitches, reflected:

"I went for a ball that Jennings tried to knock back into me and collected the bump. It taught me not to lead with my head."

First goal-hero, the powerful lanky striker, David Mitchell who had a magnificent game for Australia, told us:

"It was such a great feeling knocking in that goal seconds after half-time as we needed it

desperately. I saw the chance, raced inside and knocked it in. What a relief."

The Australian Soccer Federation has not received a reply from FIFA with reference to Kenny Murphy's sending off and it is fully expected that the player will serve a one match suspension.

For next Sunday's return match against Israel in Melbourne, Frank Arok is expected to bring in Zarko Odzakovic to fill Murphy's position.

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AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY — OCTOBER 14, 1985



CHIT CHAT

ASW's Illawarra correspondent, **PHIL MURPHY** says to watch for some new faces in the Port Kembla side next season.

The ambitious club have just finished their first season in premier league on a new ground, Wetherall Park.

They finished just outside the top four but generally it was a disappointing season for the southern outfit.

The word is that they are happy to have consolidated themselves after promotion from first division and are now ready to attract some new talent to make sure they do a lot better in 1986.

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THE Northern NSW Presentation night is scheduled for Saturday November 2 at the Belmont 16' Sailing Club auditorium. The executives of the State First Division premiers Belmont-Swansea have been buying up all spare tickets from other clubs to make sure they have as many players as possible at the function. It has been a long time between drinks for the green and golds and they want as many as possible to share the occasion.

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ARISING from a majority vote, the Northern NSW Directors appear to be moving towards the purchase of the building which was formally the Adamstown Rosebud Soccer and Licenced Club.

While the decision has its critics, at least the Federation would have something tangible for the first time in a hundred years, except for a large plot of land at Hillborough.

The land in Bryant Street will still belong to the Newcastle City but it is in a central location and is adjacent to Adamstown Oval and at least five or six outside grounds.

Once refurbished the rooms available could have the Federation offices, meeting rooms, historical vault, and importantly, supply accommodation for visiting teams. It would be a boom for schools outside Newcastle playing in knock-out competitions.

WHEN New Zealand coach **KEVIN FALCON** said he would have to forget injured national team skipper **RICKI HERBERT** for the Oceania World Cup qualifying games, his decision may have been premature.

ASW hears from New Zealand that Herbert, the former Sydney Olympic centre-half, is making a great recovery from a leg operation and could have a run soon in the Wollverhampton Wanderers reserve team.

If Herbert maintains his improvement, he might even be fit to play for the All Whites against Australia at Sydney Sports Ground on November 3.

MIKE HILL and **JOHNNY WARREN** must be congratulated for keeping their cool in the emotion charged atmosphere that night.

As Mike says it was 'SO VITAL' not to become too involved!

BELOW: **FRANK AROK**, sent-off.



THE sight of Australian coach **FRANK AROK** behind barbed wire was one that a fair few of his knockers would have loved.

Frank certainly had the last laugh however, 2-1 away to Israel is not a bad response to those blighted critics.

Just a small note too, ASW wishes to make it known that the decision to send Frank to the never-never by Italian referee **LUIGI AGNOLIN** left more than a lot to be desired.

Frank's opposite, **JOE MERIMOWITCH** was 'mouthing off' continually through the game and he wasn't even slapped over the wrist!

The simple state of affairs is that coaches should be allowed to vent their feelings but if the referee doesn't like it then he should treat both parties the same.

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VIC DALGLEISH

AFTER viewing last week's SBS program concerning the FIFA Kodak U/16 World Cup, many people have claimed that they were astounded at the level that was attained.

Our own coach, **VIC DALGLEISH** speaking to ASW said, "I just wish SBS could get their hands on the tapes of our games, just to show how good we were."

"The match against West Germany was a beauty and against Guinea we were unlucky because we made the chances but just couldn't finish."

"The tapes are available if SBS or any other network is interested. One of the lads from Victoria has them and they can be purchased for a fair fee. If anyone is interested I'd be pleased to help."

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BEING the Northern NSW State First Division premiers, Belmont-Swansea were offered Newcastle Rosebuds place in the Olympic NSL competition next season. They graciously declined.

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THE mood was one of being resigned to one's fate. The news had broken, via the media, that China would not be playing in Newcastle. Even the local soccer knockers were strangely silent as if to say 'Well what's new!'

BELOW: **Spiegler** and **Warren** prior to the drawn '69 match.

MOST, if not all of Australia missed out on seeing **DAVID MITCHELL**'s goal when it went in.

You see the lines between SBS in Australia and the Israeli network suddenly developed a 'grem-lin' as Mitch charged through.

One Sydney Soccer journo quipped, "The Israelis sure did their best to stop us seeing the goal!"

Surely he isn't implying it was intentionally done, or was it?

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WITH everyone around town claiming Australia would need to produce nothing but their very best to take a point from the World Cup qualifier in Tel Aviv, it would be fair to assume that the Aussies played well above themselves to take home the two points then.

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IT is great to see those old adversaries, our own **JOHNNY WARREN** and Israel's **MORDECHAI SPIEGLER**, still not giving an inch even 15 years after their most torrid battles.

During the half-time interviews on SBS TV, ASW's man John Warren said to his former rival: "Israel will certainly be under plenty of pressure in the second half seeing they are at home don't you think Mordechai?"

Spiegler's quick reply, "Yes but they are still capable of doing what we did to your side in '69 in Sydney, that is beating you at home." Touche!



RICKY HERBERT

FIVE Divisions, each with ten clubs will be format for the 1986 Northern NSW Soccer Federation. Over the past six or seven years the clubs have been reduced from their peak of 64.

This streamlining will be of great value to the clubs in organising their programmes leading up to grand final time.

New clubs may still play in the very popular Suburban League which is sure to increase next season following the relegation of several teams from Division Five this year.

SYDNEY CROATIA is poised to swoop on four new players for next season.

Although the names remain a well kept secret, we are able to reveal that three are defenders and the other is a top quality striker.

The striker however is from overseas and is due in Australia within four weeks.

Sydney Croatia is determined to break **EDDIE THOMSON**'s strangle hold on the Championship and the new signings will go a long way to achieving this.

THAT referee, **LUIGI AGNOLIN** was a real character.

Some of the decisions he made were ... well diabolical. He went as far as he possibly could have in favour of the home side.

In fact it seemed he may well have gone to the extent of awarding the now 'regulation' penalty to the troubled home side to enable an escaped from defeat.

The Israelis tried their hand but thankfully nothing was forthcoming.



ASW had great difficulty last week in sending a telex to the Hilton Hotel in Tel Aviv to Australia's captain, **JOHN KOSMINA**.

The telex, wishing the Aussies our best wishes for the match that evening, was repeatedly getting a "Not Connected" signal back from Israel.

With all the trouble over in the Middle East going on, we panicked that there were more uprisals and communication lines had been cut.

Eventually after some two hours of perseverance, our operator finally got a "read-back" from the Hilton. "Go ahead", and John Kosmina received our well wishes.

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IT is fair to say that Australian soccer has always found it fairly difficult in securing corporate sponsors and more important, servicing and maintaining those priceless sponsors.

Then it comes as no surprise to why this is so when you take the Socceroos' just completed trip to Israel.

One of the most generous backers of Australian Soccer is Olympic Airways — its \$250,000 sponsorship of the NSL enables clubs to produce players to represent their country.

So as the Aussies had a three-day camp in Athens on their way to Tel Aviv it would be reasonable to assume that they would travel by Olympic Airways.

WRONG! ... they flew Qantas!

Needless to say the NSL and Olympic Airways are not amused and seriously considering withdrawing their sponsorship from the National competition.

Who can blame them?

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NORTHERN NSW State Director of Coaching, **KEN KAISER**, had divided loyalties when Belmont-Swansea played West Wallsend in the grand final at Macquarie Field, Speers Point.

Belmont-Swansea was his younger brother Robert's team while West Wallsend had been the team he coached before taking on the state position and handing over the reins to Keith Harris his former assistant with Newcastle United.

It had been a full day of football for the Kaisers as out at Toronto Sports Ground earlier in the morning older brother John played for the Toronto "Pensioners" in the Suburban League A grand final against Cliff United.

Both teams lost.

OUR Editor, **FRANK COLETTA'S** "NSW Select" team raised not a few eyebrows in the state of Northern NSW. There is no problem with **PETER TREDINICK**, **PETER STONE**, **GRAHAM JENNINGS**, **MARSHALL SOPER** and company as they have chosen to play for teams in NSW but with **JOE SENKALSKI** it's different. Joe plays for Rosebuds in Northern NSW. However it was a quite an honour.

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COULD it be true that Newcastle Rosebud have only one player signed up for the 1986 season?

Our information is that **DEREK TODD** is the only Rosebud fixed up for next season.

Seems the club will have to get busy in the next few weeks.

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FORMER Newcastle KB United coach **KEN KAISER**, who works for a coal mining company in Northern NSW, could decide to go full-time into Indoor Soccer.

Ken is thrilled about the launching of his SpeedSoccer venture in Newcastle.

He is convinced the indoor game will take off in a big way throughout Australia — as it has in the USA.

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MELBOURNE folk claim they are the best soccer supporters in Australia. We hope they prove it next Sunday when Australia plays Israel in the World Cup at Olympic Park.

Their track record is pretty miserable and it has been for many years.

Just ask **RALE RASIC** and **FRANK AROK**.

In 1973, when a vital World Cup qualifying match between the Socceroos and Iraq was played at Olympic Park, the spectators booed the Aussies.

Round the same time, Rasic took the national team to Melbourne for a pre-World Cup practice match and some fans, believe it or not, spat on him.

Arok had a similar experience only a few weeks ago when his World Cup squad played against a Victorian Select XI: the Victorians seemed bent on maiming the Socceroos.

Melbourne soccer has always resented the fact that Sydney produces most of the players in the national squad.

But it is inconceivable that any coach would deliberately weaken his squad by getting involved in interstate rivalry.

Next Sunday, the fans at Olympic Park have the opportunity to cheer Australia to a great victory against Israel.

We hope they don't decide to cheer for the Israelis!

TWO men largely responsible for helping Belmont-Swansea win the Northern NSW Premiership and reach the grand final were goalkeeper and captain **ROBERT KAISER** and **PETER WINSOR**. Peter Winsor was the leading goalscorer but missed the grand final as a result of being sent off during the Major Semi final and losing an appeal against the one match suspension.

ROBERT KAISER, younger brother of the State Director of Coaching **KEN KAISER**, broke a bone in his ankle during training which also ruled him out of the grand final against West Wallsend.

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ANOTHER angle to that loss in the telecast was given.

One wit exclaimed, "The Israeli TV Director just had a heart-attack!"

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INTERNATIONAL cricket **RICK McCOSKER** has accepted the invitation to be guest speaker at the Northern NSW Presentation night on November 2. **ROBERT HOLLAND** has also been invited.

However Robert stands tall in Soccer as he and **DENNIS WRIGHT** both played together for the famous Borragul High School. Dennis later was selected in the Australian Squad while Robert had First Division experience with Toronto-Avaba before turning fully to cricket.



DAVID MITCHELL



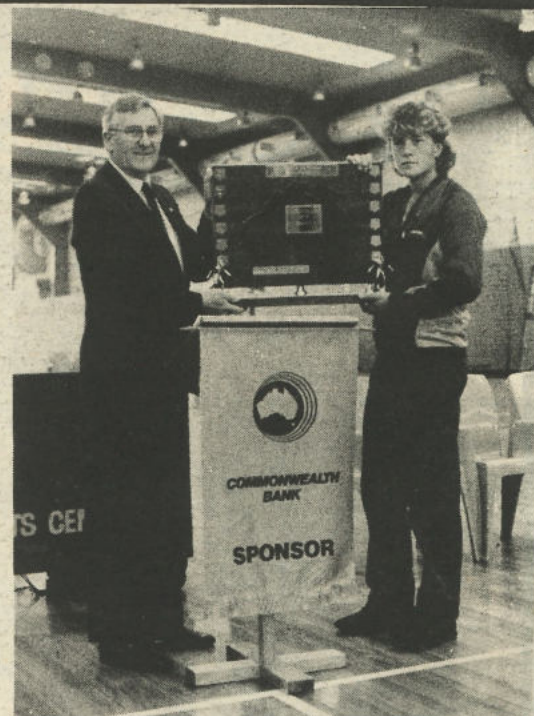
JOHN KOSMINA AFTER that smash-hit victory by the Socceroos in Tel Aviv, is it too much to hope that agitation for the recall of **MARSHALL SOPER** will now cease?

Although Soper has performed well in the past for Australia, there is no way he could be selected now ahead of **DAVID MITCHELL** or **JOHN KOSMINA**.

Indeed when Soper pulled out of the team it left a vacancy in the front line which has been filled magnificently by Mitchell.

In Auckland and again in Tel Aviv, Mitchell emerged as the most dangerous player in the Australian side.

So please, no more pleas for the return of Soper.



PICTURED above is **BRIAN ELLEM** (right) from Asquith High School and Captain of the NSW Schoolboys Soccer squad, receiving the Commonwealth Bank Trophy from the Bank's Chief Manager in the ACT, **MR ROGER MCCOMBE**.

The NSW team won the Australian Secondary Schools Soccer Championships from Victoria.

Now the Australian side has been picked and with the aid of some backing will be off to Britain in January.

Brian incidentally has just returned recently from a spell with English fourth division club, Wrexham.

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THE most exhausted player after the Australian win in Tel Aviv?

No it wasn't **JOEY WATSON**, **DAVID MITCHELL**, **KEN MURPHY** or any of the other 8 Aussies on the field.

Undoubtedly it was **IAN GRAY**. Poor old Ian was doing a 200 metre dash every couple of minutes during the second half from expelled coach Frank Arok to the Socceroo bench to relay messages!

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TAMWORTH's Hillview Soccer Club won the Northern NSW Amateur Cup by defeating Charlestown 7-0 in the final played at Muswellbrook. Charlestown proved to be one of the better teams in Fourth Division this season but found the New England side a class ahead.

Maybe the time is now right to again accept a team from Tamworth into a Federation competition. The last occasion this was done the north west side was forced to play in Division One, a bad mistake. They could join Port Macquarie in Second Division with a much better prospect.

ONE of the National League clubs worried about the competition being reduced from 24 to 14 teams has a budget for next year of \$34,000.

You'd think if money is that tight, this club would be happy to get out of the NSL.

Come to think of it, you couldn't even buy one top player for \$34,000!

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NOW it's official - **PETER SHEEAN** is no longer connected with soccer.

While some folk at the Australian Soccer Federation imagine marketing men are essential, the code might be better off if it shunned marketing expertise for a while.

We remember **RICK BOOTH**, mainly because he and his colleagues gave soccer a whole zoo full of football-playing animals ... as well as a comprehensive report which, on one memorable occasion, kept a large number of soccer writers closeted in the Boulevard Hotel in Sydney for a full day.

Booth tried hard but did not last.

What will Peter Sheean be remembered for?

First, for bringing many overseas teams here at great expense and, second, for designing a National League set-up which never had much chance of being accepted by the public.

Sheean supporters will claim that his imports of star overseas teams gave the Socceroos excellent match practice for the World Cup qualifying games.

True enough, but the big teams from Europe and South America used to tour Australia long before the ASF decided to get into marketing.

In future, the ASF Marketing company will not have anything to do with tours and will stick strictly to commercial ventures like ground advertising, TV and match programmes.



ASW's **NEIL JAMESON** had a call from his great mate **CRAIG JOHNSTON** in Liverpool last week.

"Craig was jumping out of his skin about his performances in England this season," said Jameson.

"He told me he has never been in better form and he's very happy he decided to stay with Liverpool even though he almost moved to get away from his problems involving former manager **JOE FAGAN**.

"Craig says it's great working with the new boss, **KENNY DALGLISH**."

STAR PROFILE

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

BIRTH AND BIRTH-PLACE: 1.6.61, Melbourne.

HEIGHT: 5'10"

MARRIED: Yes to Carol.

OCCUPATION: Full-time player.

PLAYING POSITION: Fullback (either side) or midfielder.

CLUBS PLAYED FOR: Altona City, South Melbourne, Nottingham Forest.

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Zarko Odzakov, Graham Jennings, Mike Petersen, Bruno Conti, Liam Brady.

FAVOURITE CLUBS: South Melbourne, Manchester United, Bayern Munich.

CAR: Presently don't own one.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT IN SOCCER: "Injuries. I have been constantly plagued by them."

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: "My parents."

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS OR HOBBIES: All other sports.

FAVOURITE FILM STARS: Jack Nicholson.

LONG TERM AMBITIONS: To be healthy and happy.

SUPERSTITIONS: Many of them. Too many to mention them all.

FAVOURITE MUSIC: Not really into music.

MAJOR INJURIES: "Both ankles, strained ligaments, back stress fractures."

NATIONAL TEAM TO WORRY AUSTRALIA QUALIFYING FOR 1986 WORLD CUP: "Israel and New Zealand. We cannot afford to take either lightly as they are on a par with us. I feel as long as we respect them we can beat them both."

**International
Profile**



**ALAN
DAVIDSON**

A LOOK AT NEW ZEALAND

EVEN though it is a bit late ASW has discovered exactly what Kevin Fallon's (New Zealand's coach) intentions were prior to the World Cup campaign kicking off. With the second match between Australia and the Enzedders approaching it makes for interesting reading.

FALLON'S PLAN

BACK UP COACHES

IT is my intention to utilise the existing Area Coaching scheme as much as possible and existing New Zealand club coaches.

With the advent of International Day planned for Wednesday 27 February, the geographical scattering of players around New Zealand will be well catered for.

Coaches have been asked if they would help by overseeing the training of these possible international players. Schedules will be posted on monthly by me to the Area Coaches to oversee.

Further to that, if the New Zealand team is playing in that particular coach's area, he will more than likely be the coach to assist in the training of the New Zealand squad.

Extra duties may be the gathering of statistical analysis of that game or any international game within reasonable distance.

THE COACHES

AUCKLAND
Vic Mobley (Landbase Papatoetoe)
Bob Patterson (East Coast Bays)
WELLINGTON
Fred Goodwin (Stop Out)

NAPIER
Terry O'Neil (Tara-dale and Area Coach)

TAURANGA
Eddie Edge (Mt Maunganui and Area Coach)

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HAMILTON
Roger Wilkinson (Claudelands Rovers and Ex-Area Coach)

GISBORNE
Les Todd (NZP Gisborne City)

DUNEDIN
Neil McKenzie (4XO Dunedin City and Area Coach)

CHRISTCHURCH
Laurie Blythe (Christchurch Brother United)

INTERNATIONAL DAY

It is my belief that all prospective New Zealand Internationals have to put in extra training under supervision to maintain their fitness

levels.

They will be expected to meet at the nearest training ground through the Rothmans Soccer League season to be trained under one of my appointed "Back Up Coaches".

Their progress will be recorded and available for scrutiny by myself and the selected coaches. They will be expected to do this as their own expense.

Prior to World Cup matches the squad will be further reduced to thirty players, then twenty-four, and finally eighteen, in preparation for the World Cup Training Camp in Auckland in September.

THE PLAYERS

GOALKEEPERS

Rudi Feitsma National Mutual Miramar
Clint Gosling* Newcastle KB United
Richard Wilson* Preston
Frank Van Hattum Landbase Papatoetoe
Grant Schofield Landbase Papatoetoe

DEFENDERS

David Huff Landbase Papatoetoe
Glenn Dods* Adelaide

Ricki Herbert* Woll-verhampton Wanderers
Ken Cresswell NZP Gisborne
Malcolm Dunford DB Wellington
Richard Mulligan NZP Gisborne
Sean Byrne NZP Gisborne

Keith Garland Manurewa
Allan Boath Hanimex North Shore
Phil Alexander National Mutual Gramar
Glen Adam Masport Mt Wellington

Ceri Evans Christchurch Brother United
Martin Felton Landbase Papatoetoe
Shane Rufer* ZUK
Mike Groom Ngar-uawahia United
Brent O'Neil DB Wellington

John Leijh Masport Mt Wellington
John Gillies NZP Gisborne

John Price Manurewa
MIDFIELD

Keith Mackay Eden
Peter Simonsen NZP Gisborne

Steve Sumner Manurewa
Billy McClure Landbase Papatoetoe
Grant Turner NZP Gisborne
Duncan Cole Hanimex North Shore
Paul Halford Napier City Rovers

Nigel Debenham Masport Mt Wellington
Declan Edge Mt Maunganui
Paul Probert NZP Gisborne

Ken Drakeford Manurewa
Eddie Gavigan Masport Mt Wellington
Stuart Jacobs National Mutual Miramar
Neil Cave DB Wellington
Billy Harris DB Wellington

Ian Masson Landbase Papatoetoe
Keith Braithwaite Christchurch Brother United

Mark Cossey Hamilton

STRIKERS
Colin Walker NZP Gisborne

Doug McIntosh* Masport Mt Wellington
Fred de Jong Masport Mt Wellington
Kevin Birch NZP Gisborne

Steve Wooddin Christchurch Brother United
Wynton Rufer* FC Zurich
Greg Little Mt Maunganui

Kevin Hagan Hanimex North Shore
Paul Brydon McKee

Nelson United
Peter Henry Hanimex North Shore

Darryl McClennan Howick
Phil Barton National Mutual Miramar
Colin Tuua McKee Nelson United

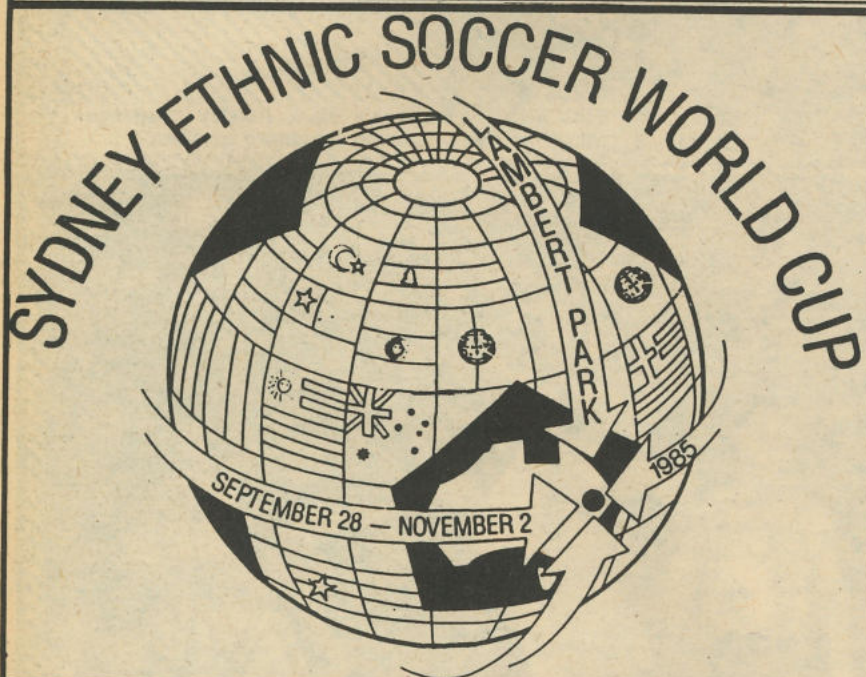
Alex Metzger Landbase Papatoetoe
Mark Slane Landbase Papatoetoe

Stewart Owen NZP Gisborne

*overseas

SYDNEY ETHNIC SOCCER WORLD CUP AT LAMBERT PARK

Marion St, Cnr Foster St, Leichhardt



ROUND 2 of the Sydney Ethnic Soccer World Cup that was played over the long week-end and organised by the New Chilean Club of Sydney, now shows that only two teams appear certain quarter-final qualifiers.

Turkey defeated Ireland 2-0 and leads Group 1 with four points. In the same situation is Greece in Group 2 following their big win over Yugoslavia defeating the latter 5-0.

In other matches the results were:
Turkey 1 Lebanon 0, Germany 8 Ecuador 0, Portugal 2 Timor 1.
Argentina 2 Bolivia 0 and in the best game of the day, Italy held Uruguay to a 1-1 draw and Australia surprised everyone when they defeated Colombia 2-1.

On the Monday, Portugal and Ecuador played a nil-all draw whilst Germany struggled to hold Timor to a 3-3 draw.

In the late match on Monday Chile ended with a 1-1 draw against Lebanon.

The quarter finals will be played next Saturday October 19th at 3pm and 5pm and on Sunday October 20th also at 3pm and 5pm.

For further information, please ring Mr Carlos Panetta on 798 3115.



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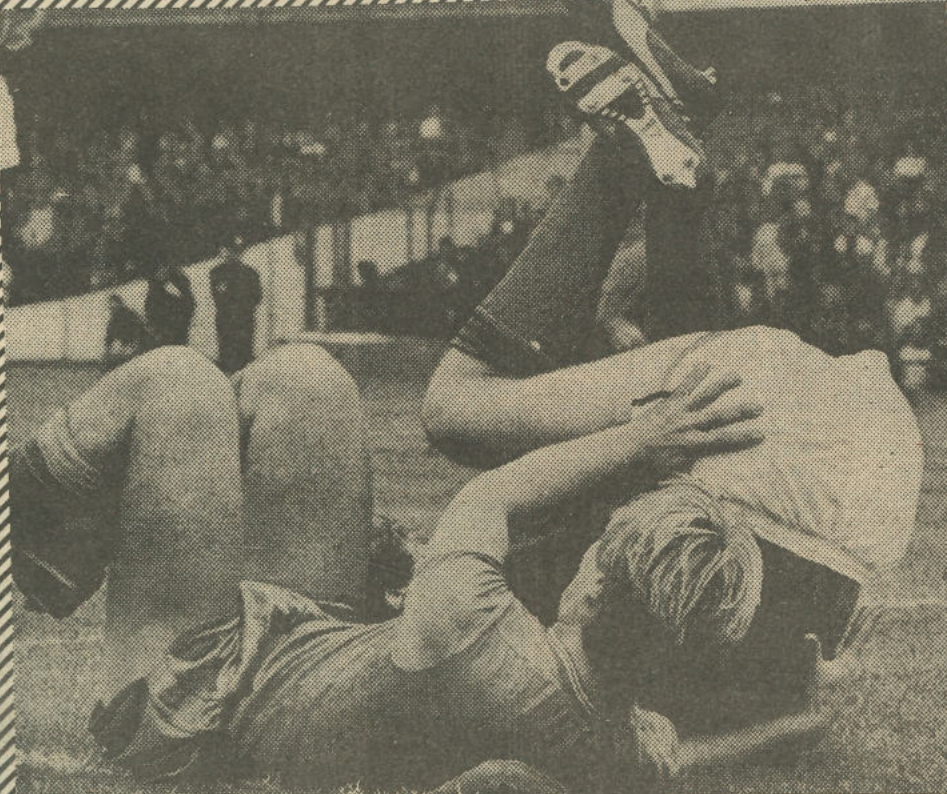
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THE WORLD SCENE THROUGH THE LENS



ENGLAND — It's all arms and legs - you'll have to take our word for it that it is a challenge by Chelsea's Kerry Dixon on Arsenal goalie, John Lukic in a recent match.



CHILE — Arturo Jauregi of leaders, Union Española is challenged by Magallanes striker Luis Valenzuela.



ENGLAND — Mark Wright of Southampton is challenged by Aston Villa's Andy Gray during the match at The Dell.



LEFT: ENGLAND — Villa's prodigal son returns, Andy Gray preparing for another showdown in the Aston Villa colours.
RIGHT: ITALY — Giancarlo Antognoni, is welcomed back by Fiorentina's president after near two years of injury troubles. Antognoni is back in training and expects to play against Torino on the 3rd of November.



ENGLAND — England's Mark Hateley challenges the Rumanian defence during the drawn qualifier.



BELOW: ENGLAND — Glen Hoddle takes on the Rumanian defence during the 1-1 draw with Rumania at Wembley.





1-Keegan is presented with a souvenir before his final game in England for Newcastle.
 2-Keegan issuing instructions during a match for Blacktown against Canberra City at the Gabbie Stadium.
 3-Slotting home a penalty for Claudelands in New Zealand.
 4-Flying high for Claudelands.
 5-Reviving memories of his childhood days in the back streets of Doncaster, as the son of a miner.
 6-Antics at the beginning of the last match for Newcastle, as he joins in 'hailing' the Geordie crowd with other prominent Newcastle stars such as Chris Waddle and Terry McDermott.
 7-A deft swivel of the hips leaves Canberra's captain, Terry Byrne stranded.

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QUEENSLAND ROTHMANS MEDAL

LOW WINS ON COUNTBACK



BY GREG RUSSELL

QUEENSLAND's 1985 Rothmans Best and Fairest Medal Winner Olympic United's striker Craig Low, could make a return to National League football.

The speedy striker, who first came to prominence in the National competition as a winger in the Lions teams of 1981 and 82 said after his thrilling medal win that he felt the time was right to make an NSL return.

Low, 25, won this year's coveted Gold Medal in one of the closest counts on record. Those in attendance at the lavish function at Perry Park were kept on the edge of their seats until even beyond the disclosure of the final round of votes.

Low tied in the count with young Taringa Rovers defender Mark Gilbert. Both scored 18 points over the season. But Low, who had a

tireless season for Olympic United, won the medal on a countback — under the rules of the competition in the event of a tie.

Low had gained a full three point vote allocation in four games during the year while Gilbert had gained the referee's top vote on three occasions.

As the excited crowd rose to applaud Low's exciting win, the tiny striker forced his way through the back-slapped crowd to find Gilbert and shake his hand solidly.

"At the moment I feel sorry for Mark but great for myself," Low said after receiving the medal from Rothman's Des

Hancock.

"It's been a great year for me. I was picked in the Brisbane team, I helped Olympic avoid relegation, I got married and now I have won this," he said.

Low's tally of 18 points was the second lowest winning total on record, which indicated the closeness of this year's medal race.

Low and Gilbert finished one point ahead of Grange Thistle captain Steve Dolan and talented Mount Gravatt midfielder Martin Kirsopp. Low's team-mate Chris Fegan was two points away in fifth with Ipswich United midfielder Mark Atmore next with 13 points and his

team-mate Peter Vogler scoring 12.

Special mention was made on the night of Dolan's achievement in finishing third.

The blond-headed midfielder whizz first appeared in the voting when he lost on a countback to Annerley's Mick Rooney in 1975. He then won the medal in his own right in 1979 and now in 1985, 11 medal presentations since 1975, the Thistle midfielder was still among the leaders.

"I believe this is an achievement unmatched by any player in any code," presentation compere David Fordham said.

Low's medal win now

adds his to a list of illustrious players who have taken the prestige award.

Coalstar's Kevin Caldwell, who went on to play NSL with Brisbane City, won the first medal in 1974 with a total of 25 points.

Winners since include Ronney (20 points), Wim Spiekerman (Mount Gravatt, 23 pts), Colin Knott (St George, 25pts), Ian Stelle (Mount Gravatt, 28 pts), Dolan (21 pts), Ken Gordon (Southside Eagles, 18 pts), Mark Brusasco (Easts, 17 pts), Ken Swan (Capricornia, 27 pts), Grange Thistle 19 pts), Ron Millan (Ipswich United, 26 pts).

After the excitement of the medal announcement has abated, Low's name was instantly linked with Queensland's two National League clubs City and Lions.

Low in fact began his junior football with the Richlands club and was one of three youngsters sent overseas to trial with Feyenoord in 1980. His great speed and agility made him a feared winger but Low fell out of favor at Lions when the Club change coaches several times in three years.

Injury problems compounded Low's difficulty in getting back into the club's NSL team and finally, in 1983 he asked for a transfer.

Low switched to the big-spending Olympic United and was a member of their grand final-winning side that year. A year of mediocrity followed, as Olympic United finished fifth, and this year the club called on all of Low's experience to help it avoid relegation.



With Graham Wilson out of the team with a serious knee injury, Low was forced to drop back to midfield and it was there he showed all the style and dedication of a true professional and helped Olympic climb back from a three-point deficit at the bottom of the table to edge above Acacia Ridge in the final two rounds and avoid the drop into the intermediate league.

Although his preform-

ances this year sparked the NSL interest, Low was made even more attractive by a \$2200 maximum transfer fee.

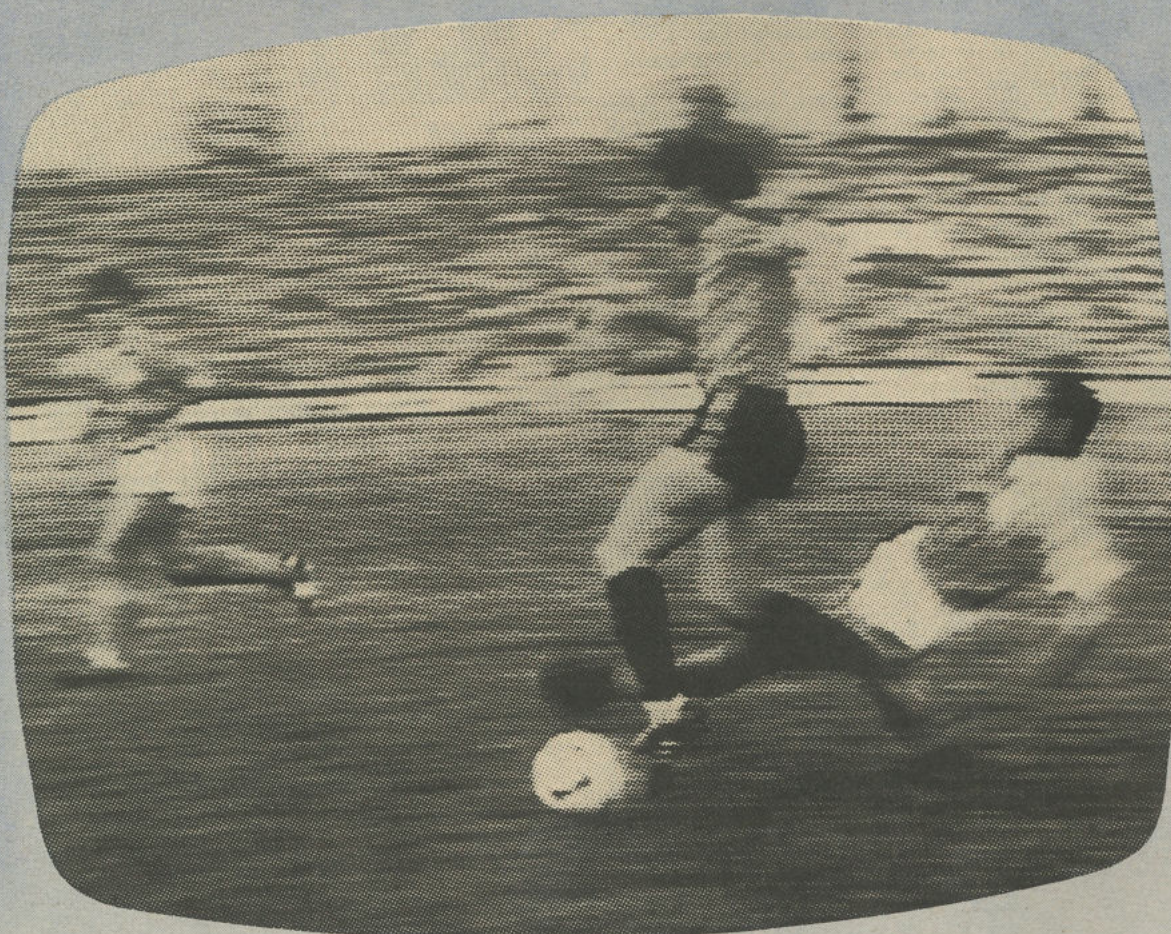
"I certainly would like to give National League another go but with nothing determined yet for next year, it is difficult to commitment yourself one way or another," Low said.

"And of course I have to give Olympic a chance to make an offer as well."

Low, who returned from holidays on the Gold Coast to receive the medal, was not the only NSL club's target among the leading vote-grabbers. Brisbane City immediately declared their interest in Ipswich United's flier Peter Vogler while Lions expressed an interest in Mount Gravatt's Martin Kirsopp. But at this stage neither player has indicated he will be party to a move — although the off-season transfer merry-go-round has just started.

But one thing for certain, in the coming months, Rothmans Medal winner Craig Low's name is one which is certain to repeatedly come to the fore.

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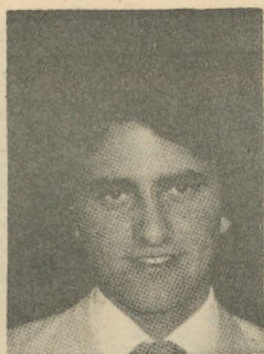
**ROTHMANS MEDAL
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JUNIOR SCENE



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MARCONI GLAMOUR YOUTH LEAGUE CLUB IN 1985

JUNIOR soccer's premier competition was completed last week at Parklea with the culmination of the season being the State Championship finals.

Again, as was the case with the Metropolitan championships, it was the Group A clubs which in the end finished as State champions.

Marconi won the Under 13 and Under 16 titles, whereas Illawarra were successful in the 15s, with Apia Leichhardt taking the honours in the Under 14 age group.

Sydney Olympic also finished as the Metropolitan champions in the Under 14s, when their clash with Melita Eagles in the State Championships, was to be the deciding issue, after both clubs had played a draw after extra time in the Metropolitan Championships.

In the Under 13s Marconi completed a magnificent double as they were both Metropolitan and State champions.

An exceptional feat to say the least, because without any doubt the Youth League is a very strong, competitive League, containing numerous talented sides.

Marconi's Under 16s also completed the double, making 1985, Marconi the glamour club of the Youth League.

The Marconi Under 13 side won the State title by one point over the elegant and well coached Blacktown City side.

But full credit to the Marconi side, as the

pressure was continually on this side to perform at a high level in each of the five matches played, as they being the Metropolitan champions, were the side that every other team doubled their performance when confronting Marconi.

In the Under 14s, Apia won the title on goal averages from Melita Eagles and Sydney Olympic.

The result of the Under 14 titles was not decided until the final whistle, and in the end Apia proved over three day titles to be worthy State Champions.

In the Under 15s, Illawarra, who are a credit to their coach Ross Warren, and from the numerous exciting sides on display, would be amongst the leading teams, and genuinely play soccer and not rely on the long ball, proved that creative sides in junior football who knock the ball around with purpose can also be successful.

From all the sides who won the State Championship, Illawarra's Under 15s are a credit to their Association and their coach Ross Warren is to be complimented in the manner that he has his side playing.

Very rarely did this side rely on the long ball through and chasing style, a pattern of play that is used by junior



Pictured is the Illawarra U/15s, 1985 NSW State Champions.

coaches who completely lack ideas and confidence in themselves to be able to teach youngsters to play the game in a proper manner.

In the Under 16s Marconi won the title with 13 minutes to go in their last match against Apia Leichhardt.

Apia led 1-0 and needed to gain maximum points to snatch the

title, but in the end a powerfully struck free kick just outside the penalty area, decided the championship.

In all age groups the championships were all decided on the last day of the tournament, and in the end it can be said that the title could have gone either way involving a number of teams.

APIA SUCCESS



Pictured is the Apia Leichhardt Under 14 side just after the presentation was made to the side following their success in winning the State Championship.

The squad consists of Tony Marco, Robert Trovato, John Consentino, Alan Lindley, Danny Trovato, David Martino, Tony Licastro, Andrew Charwood, Tom Bilotta, John Paranchi, Frank Collicio, Steve Storgato and Chris Blake.

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NSWASF HANDBOOK GUIDE FOR JUNIOR COACHES

OUR series continues this week as we take a look at the coaches role in learning, how a coach should keep his training sessions simple and at the length of training required for the various age groups.

Learning

People who accept a coaching role often have difficulty in teaching techniques of the sport. Here are some ideas on how to approach the technique instruction component of the coaching session. This will provide an introduction to the method of putting skills together. It is generally accepted that skills means performing the technique successfully in a competitive situation. This can only happen when technique is mastered.

Most movements can be broken down into three parts;

1. BEFORE
2. DURING
3. AFTER

Here is an example from soccer:

Teaching the long lofted pass

BEFORE

- Approach the ball at an angle of 45°
- Place non-kicking foot approximately 15cm from the ball.

DURING

- Strike the bottom of the ball, using the instep (laces), keeping the ankle locked.
- Keep eyes on the ball, and head steady.

AFTER

- Take a full follow through in the direction you want the ball to go.
- Move off to take up a new position dependent upon the result of the kick.

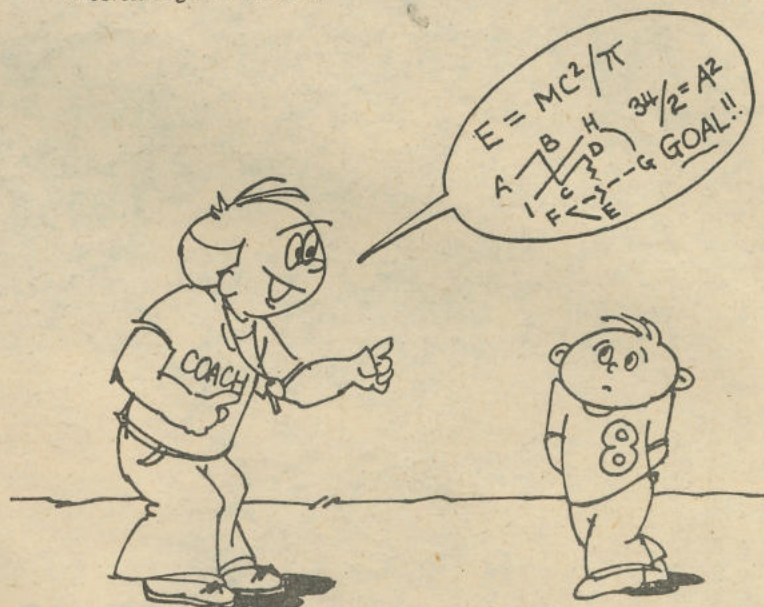
Once a reasonable level of technique has been acquired, athletes should put the technique into practice in a "competition-like" situation. This will assist the athletes in the transition from technique to skill.

Keep it simple.

Children can easily be overwhelmed by the information presented by the coach. The coach has an important role to REDUCE the amount of information presented at any ONE TIME.

It is important to:

- Know the athletes' technique before commencing instruction.
- Give clear demonstration, with meaningful and simple language.
- Reduce the amount of information.
- Distribute practice with ample rest.
- Make practice as specific or game-like as possible.
- Involve slow motion practice to improve accuracy, if necessary.
- Provide feedback as soon after performance as possible.
- Avoid frequent interruptions of the practice.
- Avoid negative feedback.



It is important that the length and complexity of sessions be varied according to the age of children.

6-8 YEAR OLDS have low energy capacity and short attention span. The session should be no longer than 20-30 minutes, with each specific topic being no longer than 5 minutes.

Opportunity should be given to explore basic skills, with emphasis on general motor skill development. Children in a variety of situations should have opportunity to develop balance, agility, co-ordination and speed through ball handling and other activities.

8-9 YEAR OLDS have an increased capacity for work, and ability concentrate for longer periods of time. Each practice for this group should extend for 30-40 minutes and each specific activity for no longer than 7 minutes.

Children at this stage should be taught fundamental skills and be introduced to partner work. General motor abilities of speed, agility, strength and co-ordination should be emphasized in complex game situations incorporating ball skills.

APIA YOUTH LEAGUE TRIALS

*Trials supervised by leading
National League,
coach Rale Rasic.*

Trials for Under 13s, 14s, 15s and
16s to be held at Timbrell Park
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The dates are as follows,

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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SQUAD



BACK LEFT TO RIGHT: Mike Petersen, Graham Arnold, David Ratcliffe, Steve O'Connor, Terry Greedy, Jeff Oliver, Robbie Dunn, David Mitchell, Oscar Crino, Ian Gray, Zarko Odzakov.
 FRONT LEFT TO RIGHT: Frank Arok (National Coach) Roy Thomas (Gear-Steward), John Kosmina (Capt), Graham Jennings, Joe Watson, Charlie Yankos, Kenny Murphy, Frank Farina, Jim Patikas, Tom McCulloch, Eddie Thomson (National Assistant Coach), Charlie Jurisic (Physio Therapist).

THE GENERAL AUSTRALIAN SOCCER SCENE

SUPER OPENING FOR SPEED SOCCER

ASW presents a follow up on the Neil Jameson story a fortnight ago, BILL TURNER tells:

Australia's first "Speed Soccer" centre had its official opening on September 28 in the brand new, specially designed complex in Cardiff.

Mr Ken Booth performed the opening ceremony.

Australian Speed Soccer Pty Ltd is headed up by Ken Kaiser, Keith Harris and Dr Paul Trevillian who received first hand knowledge of the game when Newcastle United were invited to America to compete in a series of indoor matches there in 1983. A fourth director is Mr Ray Trevillian.

The American concept of indoor soccer and the development prospects for the Australian scene have had a lasting affect on the three men. So much so that they have put it all together in this

tremendous undertaking in Pendlebury Road, Cardiff.

Speed Soccer differs from other indoor soccer as it is based on the US rules. The court measures 49m x 23m with recessed goals, team benches and sin bins while the floor covering is the FIFA approved "Superturf Europa". Foam underlay protects against heel strike injuries as well as ensuring a "nature" bounce of the ball which is the normal leather soccer ball.

There are eleven players in each team, six only on the pitch during the match unless players have been sin binned. However unlimited substitutions "on the fly" may be made in the two halves, each of twenty minutes.

Very wisely, the Speed Soccer directors have affiliated with the

Northern NSW Soccer Federation which could be the first breakthrough towards a marriage between regulation soccer and indoor soccer.

At the moment there are existing indoor centres such as the University, "Howzat" Sports Centre and "Shootout". The Shootout complex is only a stones throw from Speed Soccer in Cardiff and is run by two former top players in Northern NSW, Jack Routledge and Steve Smith. There is no doubt that indoor soccer is booming around the Hunter Valley as Shootout is virtually booked out every day and night of the week.

Keith Harris said that demonstration games would give intending players a fair idea of how Speed Soccer was conducted. It wouldn't take long for coaches to

relish the value of sin bin penalties that lead to "Power Plays" and the need for rapid, "on the fly" substitutions.

The size of the pitch and the speed of the game made it necessary for quick-fire substitutions from the mandatory eleven player squad.

The first Australian Speed Soccer tournament to be known as the "Schweppes Cup" will be restricted to teams affiliated with the Northern NSW Soccer Federation. A womens championship has also been scheduled.

With the ASF showing interest, further championships could be held featuring interstate teams. Both Keith Harris and Ken Kaiser expressed the desire to have Speed Soccer affiliated to the ASF, hence their move to register with the Northern NSW Soccer Federation.

WEST WALLSEND BROKE THE DROUGHT

WEST WALLSEND won the Northern NSW State First Division Grand final for the first time since this region was elevated to a soccer state way back in 1956.

"Westy" broke the drought when it defeated the premiers, Belmont Swansea 2-1 after extra-time at Macquarie Field, Speers Point.

hand to nod home the equaliser in the seventh minute. During some pressure play in the second half of extra time an own goal by the

title. Earlier in the day Belmont 1 defeated the premiers Wallsend 0 in the Second Division deader. It was the Red Devils



PAUL COUTTS the captain of Glendale High Schools Bill Turner Cup team clears the ball in this action packed moment during the final against Canberra.



GLENDAL HIGH's keeper Kevin Murrell was on hand to outsmart the Canberra forwards in this dramatic moment during the final of the Bill Turner Cup.

The West Wallsend "Bluebells" are one of the oldest clubs in Australia and boast a proud history with many of their former players having donned the green and gold for Australia.

Victory this year was tough. They were a goal down early in the first stanza when NSL referee Jim Reeves spotted a kicking incident and the Swans, Dave Burchardt made no mistake from the spot.

The usually calm Keith Harris did not mince words at half-time and told his chargers a thing or two about Grand Finals. With their coaches words singing in their ears they turned on a tremendous effort in the second half.

Brett Baldwin was on

Swans Mark Walmsley although Belmont had held them to two draws. — BILL TURNER

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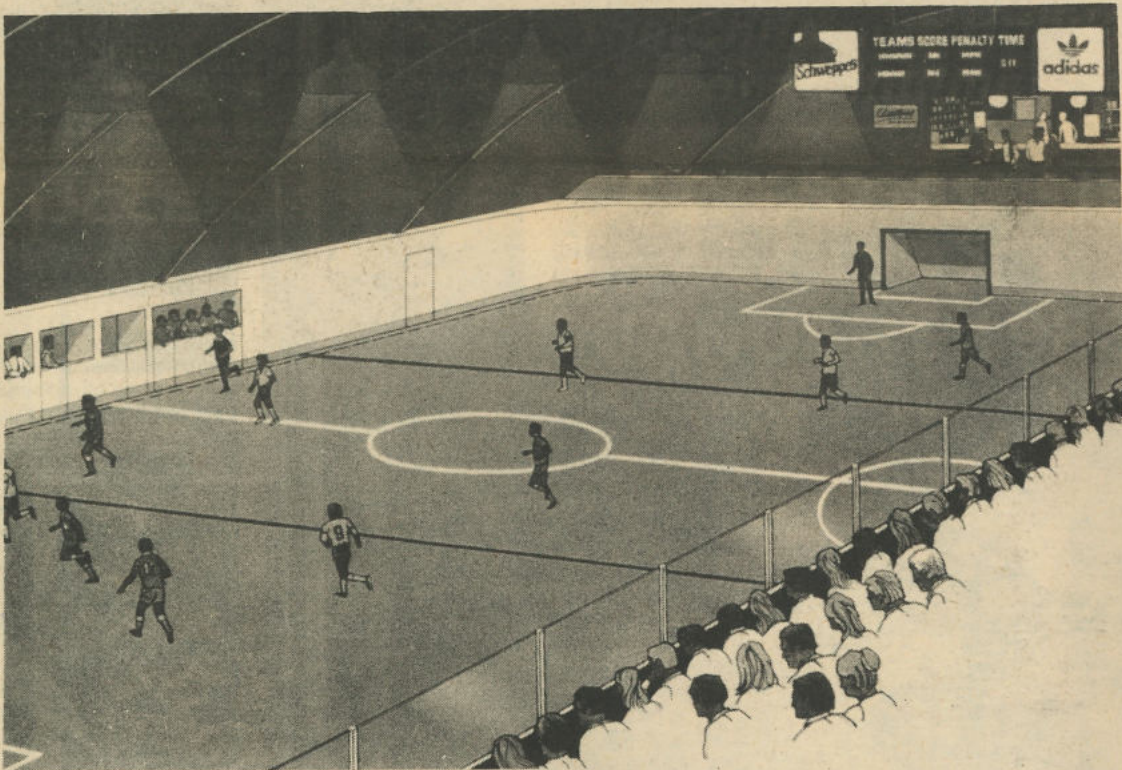


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REFEREES ANNUAL CONGRESS

NEWCASTLE, Northern NSW will be the host City for the eighteenth Annual Congress of the Australian Soccer Referees Federation.

The meetings will be held over Saturday October 12 and Sunday October 13.

Executive members, Dennis McDermott (President), Bill Jones (secretary) and Leo Wilson (National Referees Coach and Registrar) will be joined by two delegates from each of the Australian Soccer States (Northern Territory excepted).

In addition, two representatives of the Australian Affiliated Soccer Referees Federation, the controlling body of District Referees Associations will attend.

The Northern NSW Division will entertain the visitors on Saturday night at the Western Suburbs Leagues Club with a dinner and floor show. Northern NSW last hosted a congress in the early seventies but it appears appropriate in 1985, as Secretary Bill Jones is serving in his first year of office.

The main sponsor for this years referees congress is Jayes Travel. Donations were also received from Tooheys, Wyndham Estate and the Newcastle City Council.

— JAMES DOUGLAS

KEEN REP

FOURTEEN year old Mel Vlaskic, has been one of the keen Albury-Wodonga representative players



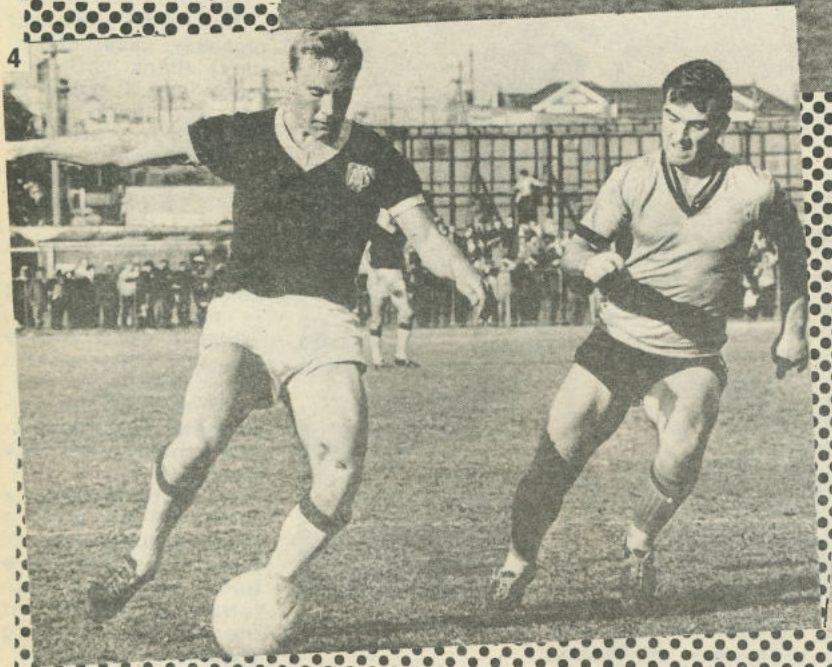
GLENDAL's captain manages a smile after his sides 1-0 loss.

for the past four seasons.

Mel plays in the midfield, dribbles well, has an accurate cross and a strong shot.

He has played soccer since 1980, first with Melrose Park Rangers and now with Lavington.

— FRANK FINLAY



'OZ HEROES OF THE PAST'

STAN ACKERLEY, Australia's captain for the 1967 Asian tour and also was a member of the 1969 World Cup campaign, was on the books of Manchester United in his youth.

However, when opportunities did not come his way in senior football, he decided to give Australia a try, and so he joined Victorian club Slavia in the early sixties.

His cousin, Ernie Ackerley, who had also been with Manchester United, came to Australia as well, and joined South Melbourne Hellas.

Stan played in the 1963 Slavia team that won the Australia Cup by beating Polonia (Vic) 3-2 in front of 10,000 people at Olympic Park.

Also in the Slavia team were Billy Cook, Nigel Sherherd, and Hammy McMeechan, who, like Stan Ackerley, were later to play for Australia.

Ackerley built up an awesome reputation as a hard-tackling but also tactically adept defender.

Having represented Victoria, he was snapped up in 1964 by APIA where he ended his playing career.

He later coached NSW amateur club Toongabbie.

— FRANK COLETTA.

1—Ackerley needs a sliding tackle to dispossess a Pan Hellenic player at Sydney Sports Ground.
2—The 1969 NSW grand final between Apia and St George - and John Warren gets in the way of a full-blooded Ackerley clearance.
3—International action at the SCG as Ackerley volleys away for Australia against Greece.
4—A young-looking Ackerley clears for Apia against Cumberland while Mal O'Neill attempts to intercept.
5—Ackerley, in the Apia colours, halts an attack from South Melbourne in a rare interstate club match at Sydney Sports Ground 13 years ago.

ON THE WRITE LINE ...

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THANKING YOU

Dear Sir,

ON behalf of the Northern NSW Schools Soccer Federation may I thank you for all the excellent exposure you gave for the "Bill Turner Cup" this season.

It is great to have a soccer paper that is interested in giving space to juniors, ladies and the schools.

As a result of your policy, I know for a fact, that your ASW has attracted many new readers.

In addition, we continually inform as many as possible participating schools of your service to our series and in fact to the other vital school knock-outs the Commonwealth Bank Cup and Ku-ring-gai Cup.

Bill Turner (President)
and Terry Hampton
(Senior Co-ordinator)

ED - It has sincerely been a pleasure to give plenty of scope to the junior scene in N.S.W.

Although we have our 'knockers', complaining about there being too much emphasis on juniors and not enough on seniors, we believe there can never be too much junior information in the paper.

FRANK IS DOING IT RIGHT

Dear Sir,

WHY is it that wide sections of the Australian soccer media pounced on national coach Frank Arok for his "defence blunder" in the recent Australia and New Zealand World Cup qualifier?

Instead of advising Arok to "throw the (defensive) system overboard permanently," the media, officials and the public should sit back and contemplate the fact that while the football may not be pretty, the current Australian team is very likely to achieve the desired results.

Unlike most of his predecessors, Frank Arok has created a team which utilizes and exploits those facets of the game in which Australian players excel; for the first time the national team's playing style is uniquely Australian and not a poor copy of the European or English game.

While Joe Vlasits' 1970 World Cup team formed the genesis of Australian international football, it was Rale Rasic's less creative, overly-defensive but nevertheless more successful team which pointed to the future of Australian soccer. Australian teams have never been proficient in playing creative football which utilizes ball skills and a Platini-like ability to read the game. Yet for many years this was the type of soccer that was aimed for. The result was confusion, constant criticism, poor results and a general regression from the promising days of 1974.

Rather than force the Socceroos to play a game which is unsuited to Australian conditions and circumstances, Arok has borrowed heavily from Rasic and has employed tactics which emphasise grit, determination, tight teamwork, and the undoubted physical superiority of the Australian player.

By forging the Socceroos into a tight defensive unit Arok has identified and come to terms with the only style of play which will yield results for Australian teams. While the present game may be rather dull and uninspiring it has achieved the desired final results.

Frank Arok should not be admonished for his team's lack of attacking and imaginative football as he is one of the first people to realise that such a game is not conducive to the abilities of Australian players.

Omri Katz
Strathfield, NSW

ED - Precisely! Australia hasn't got players with the God-given gifts of a Platini, Rummenigge, Maradona or Conti, so we make do with the best we're got and play accordingly. It may not make for exhilarating football but if the results come — then it is the right way.

OFFICIAL OBSERVER

Dear Sir,

I ADDRESS this letter to ASF. A radio announcer on 3CR said after the match in Auckland the NZ team is so bad that it would be defeated by the Nigerian Youth team.

We witnessed that miserable performance by the Socceroos in NZ.

While we in Australia cannot depend on national selectors, we should have an official observer appointed by the ASF to over-rule the national coach. For too long Australian Soccer in general suffered because of continual errors of a national coach. I formally believe that Frank Arok has robbed Australia of one point in Auckland.

It is very evident a big gap has developed since the disappearance of Marshall Soper. Australia need an attacking formation of players Soper, Patikas, Farina, Arnold, Egan. Skill and speed play important roles.

Even if these players can't score they can certainly earn penetration for Australia.

I am saying that because John Kosminia is a very unpredictable player, one day he is non-existent, next he scores a bag. But truth is he is 32.

After a big win against China, Arok is smiling again (poor man). Australia should never judge its strength in the Asian region.

I wish Sir Arthur would appoint Johnny Warren as official observer so the Auckland mistake would not be repeated in future.

To ASW and the ASF I wish every success and good luck.

Soccer Follower
Hawthorn, Victoria

ED - J.W. wouldn't be a bad choice in a position of "official observer," but no one should be given the right to rule over the national coach on team matters and also a coach must be judged on his results and Frank Arok has done well and he should be given a fair go. As for John Kosminia being 32 — I'd say he wouldn't be too happy at you adding two years on!

DONS' FAN

Dear Sir,

I AM a supporter of Wimbledon FC and would like to hear from other Dons' fans who may be interested in forming a group to exchange news or happenings at Plough Lane, London, S.W.19.

Wimbledon are one of British football's great entertainers — playing a refreshing brand of positive football that is akin to the warmth and friendliness of the club itself.

I'd be pleased to receive any correspondence at the given address.

David Kenwery
28 Bayview Street
Williamstown,
Victoria 3016

ED - We at ASW would be only too happy to print further letters of people wanting correspondence with pen-pals etc.

ETHNIC CUP NO.2

Dear Sir,

IN your editorial dated September 23 you wonder about the three Ethnic Cups that are kicking off at this time of the year.

Our club, the Chilean club, is the organiser of the tournament named "SYDNEY ETHNIC SOCCER WORLD CUP". It was held for the first time last year at Garside Park, Granville.

Channel 0/28 (SBS), ethnic radio, ethnic and local newspapers gave the championship cover. The average crowd last year was 3000 with 5000 spectators watching the finals.

The event proved so popular that this year there are another two being held on similar grounds.

It is important however that you and

your readers are fully aware that our cup is the original "SYDNEY ETHNIC SOCCER WORLD CUP," that it was the first and that most of the teams are the only representatives of the communities that participate in it. The tournament is organised by a registered club and not an individual.

And finally most of the communities that participate benefit directly through it. Actually, the Auburn Uruguay team that participates in the first division of the State League was born at last year's Ethnic World Cup.

If you really want to watch good soccer, you are invited to attend the second SYDNEY ETHNIC SOCCER WORLD CUP organised by the New Chilean Club.

Thank you for a great soccer newspaper and please keep it up.

Carlos Panetta
Willawood, NSW

ED - Fair enough.

But the fact is still too much soccer is going on year in year out.

If your competition is doing well — well and good but the others are struggling — one of them resulting in a riot last week, and that can't be good for the game.

THANKS ASW

Dear Sir,

JUST a small note to say a very big thank you for making the World Cup weekend in New Zealand one I will never forget.

The way ASW treated us supporters made us feel as if we were someone. I cannot find enough words to express our feelings for such a wonderful job you did for us.

I wonder how many people would get us into the after match conference and organise a harbour cruise?

To ASW and tour organiser (John Economos) thank you very much and I hope we can meet again in the future in similar circumstances.

Michael Howell,
Cronulla, NSW.

ED - A pleasure to have made it so enjoyable. As for the post — match conference, it was a bit of a coup by our staff wasn't it?

Admittedly the engedders and the Aussie players were very helpful.

In future weeks ASW will be printing more of these type of letters as we have been swamped with letters of thanks for the NZ trip, a raging success.



PETER WILSON is mobbed by delirious fans after one of the epic 73-74 wins. We have learnt from those days says one reader.

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PERU vs URUGUAY 3.45pm
LEBANON vs PORTUGAL 5.45pm
ARGENTINA vs MALTA 7.45pm

WOMEN'S SOCCER WITH KEITH GILMOUR AND JOHN ECONOMOS

BRACKLOW MOVES WITH CHIPPING NORTON

UNKNOWN Chipping Norton club is on the way to becoming a leader in the NSW Women's State Soccer League next season. The new club with many players drawn from this year's Holroyd club has already conducted a trial to test out new talent.

Club coach, Uwe Bracklow said: "We took on the best which really was a composite State team and finally lost 6-0."

"I think under the circumstances to hold out against them for 30 minutes, shows that we have the makings of a good team."

Chipping Norton is likely to field more than half of the present Holroyd team.

Added to that, are players drawn from Liverpool and Sutherland.

Bracklow feels that some of them have suffered in standard from not having had a couple of years experience at top level.

ONE DAY TOURNAMENT

But he believes that there is talent there that will pick up the threads next year.

The club is preparing to stage a one day tournament for all comers next March.

Maybe a few more worthwhile players will come from that.

The club's home ground will be South Park, which is on George's River near Warwick Farm Racecourse in Sydney.

There are two grounds of very good standard, complete with a new amenities block.

Chipping Norton might be young, but it is not short on ambitions.

the club has applied to the NSW Women's Amateur Soccer Federation to stage next season's senior State Championships.

TOWARDS THE SESQUI- CENTENARY

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN women's soccer is big on enthusiasm but small on playing numbers.

As a consequence they have set out to increase their senior playing strength from 250 to 400 next season, and to conduct their first junior competition at under 15 level.

The idea is also to involve members and ex-players is management and improve communications, especially with the general public.

Sponsorship is to be sought and every effort is to be made to reduce the load for interstate travel on the players.

Next year's State Championships hopefully will have a country content and a junior competition as well.

The whole build up runs towards the 1986 National Championships.

It is South Australia's sesqui-centenary year and the SAWSA is primed for a big event.



UNPARALLED MELROSE PARK RECORD

BY FRANK FINLAY

MELROSE PARK Rangers have won the Albury-Wodonga Women Soccer Association's senior league championship.

The team has now won the title seven times in eight years, and they won it this year without losing a match through the season.

As the result of their victory they have gone into their Cup bid as

favourites.

They have kicked an average of five goals a match.

The club's "White" U/13's won also the title five points ahead of the Hotspurs' team.

The winning team was

coached by Mandy Wilson and the seniors by Kim Calhoun.

First semi final results: Melrose Park Rangers v West Wodonga 3-0, Twin City Wanderers v Hotspurs 2-1 on penalty kicks.

EPPING-EASTWOOD CHAMP OF CHAMPIONS

EPPING-EASTWOOD, representing Gladesville-Hornsby Women's Football Association, won the NSW all-age Champion of Champions tournament for 1985.

The girls travelled to Albury for their first match, recording a 2-1 win against Melrose Park.

Goalscorers were Nerida Armstrong and Patricia Hellyer.

In their second match, two late goals enabled them to defeat Busby Sports 3-1.

Goalscorers in this match were Kris James, Angela Hadden and Michelle Starr.

LATE GOAL WINNER

Against Wenty Waratahs in the Final, Lenore Taylor scored the winning goal just 10 minutes before the final bell to give Epping-Eastwood the match 1 nil.

The team, coached by Lal Byers, totally dominated the Gladesville-Hornsby first division with 21 victories from 21 matches.



A Tasmanian clearance as their defender faces up to N.NSW No.10 Nicole Wood of the Central Coast in the U15 National Championship.



SHELLEY FABIAN (Holroyd Keeper)



Margaret Petrov (Killarney) plays the ball with team-mate Mandi Langlaar in the background. Coming in for Seven Hills are Michelle Collings with Tracey Markantelli also in the picture.



Action in the Holroyd Ladies Association Div1 Cup Final. Wenty Waratahs are in the dark sleeves.

AGE TITLES FOR SYDNEY

NSW is not letting the grass grow under its feet in setting up for the 1986 Under 15s and Under 17s National Championships.

The State has only just been awarded the titles and negotiations are well under way to secure suitable grounds.

Present thoughts give priority to grounds in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs districts.

If the right deal can be done everything will be handy to Sydney's Mascot Airport for those States who fly in.

NSW Women's ASF President, Mr Ron Coughy, said: "We are investigating two locations for accommodation and meals."

"The choice of either is likely to prove more than satisfactory and the food has been classed as far better than adequate and plentiful as well."

"If we can settle on the right package and offer it to the States then we could be rewarded by additional entries."

As the girls and their parents foot the bill for their costs, any improvement in this department must be welcome.

In Hobart last July, eight states-ACT, Tasmania, Northern NSW, South Queensland, NSW, Victoria, Northern Territory and Western Australia, played at Under 17s level.

The Under 15s involved were NSW, Northern NSW, South Queensland and Tasmania.

South Australia is aiming to set up an Under 16s competition next season so there is food for thought for them.

And there may be states who recognise the value of the Under 15 series and utilise present players in this group or set up new competitions at weekends or also in the schools.

Certainly any improvements that can be made in July 1986 could have an ongoing benefit.

South Queensland has already been awarded the 1987 Championships and will aim for the highest and best when their turn comes around.



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CUNNINGHAM CHASING A COMEBACK

EUROPE's loss could be England's gain if Laurie Cunningham convinces people he is not a washed-up has-been.

Cunningham was a brilliant winger with Orient and West Brom before his headline transfer to Real Madrid.

The black star failed to make an impression in Spain, being handicapped by serious injuries; and moved on to try his luck in France.

Now his club, Marseilles, has agreed to let Cunningham trial with Leicester City in the hope of doing transfer business.

Leicester badly need some magic to get them away from relegation trouble and it's possible Cunningham could be just the right player.

While he knows there will be criticism if he

buys Cunningham, Leicester boss Gordon Milne says: "Players of genuine quality are hard to find and rarely available."

"Cunningham has exceptional talent and he could be our man. No fee has been discussed because we want to have a good look at him."

It must be remembered also that Cunningham went back to England last season on loan to Manchester United. He made a lasting impression in his few appearances with them, along the way scoring some good goals but United did not pursue his signature.

LONG TIME BETWEEN DRINKS!

MANCHESTER UNITED are usually rated one of England's most successful clubs but how many people realise it has been a long time since the Red Devils won the first division title?

In fact, not since Sir Matt Busby's great side of 1968 has the championship been won by United.

That is a 17-year drought which United fans are convinced will be ended this year.

REDS ON THE RAMPAGE!



REDS ON THE RAMPAGE is right.

MANCHESTER UNITED are well on their way to a league championship victory.

A long time coming true, but most Red Devil supporters are claiming it was well worth the wait because of the fashion United are taking apart all opposition.

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HAMBURG'S SCOT IS STRUGGLING

HAMBURG SV decided not to sell Scottish international forward Mark McGhee when they had a tempting offer from Belgium's Anderlecht.

That cheered up McGhee enormously because he is determined to regain his first team spot at Hamburg and prove the German club did not make a bad buy when they signed him from Aberdeen for \$600,000.

Last season — his first in Germany — was a miserable one for the Scot.

His missed many games through injury and, even at the end of the season, had to undergo two more operations, one on his ankle and the other for a groin problem.

He was not fit to play at the start of the new season but insists: "Everything is all right now and I still feel I have a future at Hamburg."

"The operations were quite straightforward."

McGhee has played four times for Scotland, scoring in the 1-1 draw at Hampden Park in May last year.



MARK MCGHEE staying

PSV COACH GETS DEATH THREATS

NETHERLANDS police are investigating death threats made to PSV Eindhoven coach Hans Kraay.

The first threat, delivered through a journalist, was: "Tomorrow we will kill you Mr Kraay."

He ignored the threat but realised somebody meant business soon after when he discovered a dead cat, with its throat slashed, on the seat of his car outside the Kraay home.

That incident persuaded Kraay to stay away from the big Ajax v PSV match which gave PSV a surprise 4-2 victory.

Kraay then hid out in Antwerp for 24 hours before returning to Holland to find shelter with his son, Hans Kraay junior.

Last season, death threats were made to five PSV player and their families at a crucial stage of the competition.

Police now wonder if those threats and the ones to Hans Kraay were made by the same people.

FOREIGN TAKEOVER BRINGS IN CASH

SINCE Italy decided to allow foreign players to play in their first division, no fewer than 64 have been imported.

Brazil leads the way with 15, followed by Argentina 8, England 6, four each from West Germany, Denmark and Holland, three each from Austria, Belgium and Sweden, two each from Scotland, Yugoslavia, Uruguay, Poland and Peru and one each from France, Rumania, the Republic of Ireland and ... wait for it ... one from the Ivory Coast of Africa.

This massive invasion is costing Italian clubs plenty and it is not exactly making Italian players happy as they struggle to secure regular first team spots with big clubs.

But there seems little hope of the situation changing. The importation of so much brilliant talent from all over the world has made the Italian first division the strongest league in the world.

And, unlike most other nations, Italy can

still boast huge crowds at important matches.

Money spent by clubs

on imports has been amply repaid through the box office.



Two of the big names in Italy. Hans-Peter Briegel of champions, Verona gets to grips with Napoli's Diego Maradona.

GERMANY OUT OF OLYMPICS

THERE will be no West German team in the 1988 Olympic Games football tournament in Seoul, South Korea.

The Germans have decided not to compete because the Olympics might interfere with the requirements of Bundesliga clubs.

Another case of club before country.

SALMON A BIG FISH

MICK SALMON, at 6 ft 3 ins and 14 stone, is one of the biggest men in English football but it's not just his physique which attracts top clubs.

The Stockport County goalkeeper is rated a certain star of the future, with Liverpool and Arsenal among the most persistent of clubs watching his progress.

Stockport official Terry McCreery says: "The lad is destined for the top, but he won't be sold for peanuts. We have discussed substantial money with several first division clubs. The best offer will get him."

Salmon, at 21, is clearly a big fish in the transfer pool.

WATFORD'S SPONSOR STICKS!

WITH soccer no longer on television, most clubs are having great difficulty securing substantial sponsorships.

Not Watford, though.

They have just landed a deal worth around \$1,000,000 over the next two years.

The sponsor is a company called Solvite, which manufactures wallpaper adhesive.

Watford are hoping the adhesive sponsorship sticks!

JOUBERT LANDS TOP TEAM

JOUBERT is the new coach of Brazil's leading club, Flamengo.

Joubert played for Flamengo from 1954 to 1962 and coached the team from 1974 to 1978.

Like so many other Brazilian coaches, he

has "served his time" in the Middle East ... coaching in Saudi Arabia for six years.

After six years with the Saudis, Joubert won't be short of a dollar!

SOCRATES MYSTERY DEEPENS

THE great Socrates mystery deepens.

The captain of Brazil's 1982 World Cup side in Spain was reported to have signed for Ponte Preta of Campinas after returning to Brazil from Europe.

There seems to be some doubt, though, about the deal.

Fiorentina, the club Socrates played with in Italy, still owe the player some \$400,000 on his contract. Fiorentina expected Ponte Preta to pay that money to Socrates.

The Brazilian club refused. So Socrates is in limbo while the two clubs argue about who pays him.

Latest news from Brazil about this strange



SOCRATES

affair is that Socrates has now joined Flamengo to play alongside Zico.

National coach Tele Santana is obviously hoping the Socrates mix-up will be unscrambled in time for the player to return to top form for the World Cup.

ARGENTINE SUPREMO FEARS GERMANS

ARGENTINA's national coach, Carlos Bilardo, is hoping his team will go well in the Mexico World Cup, but makes no predictions.

Bilardo warns that West Germany will be dark horses, even though many German fans complain constantly about Franz Beckenbauer's selections and the team's performances.

The Argentine coach says he is not influenced by big name reputations and even players as world-renowned as Platini, Maradona or Sanchez should be substituted if they are not playing well.

Argentina will concentrate on sheer speed plus positional switching in its World Cup planning.

"There will be no room in my team for players who are stationary," warns Bilardo.

STOP THE WAR!

IRAN may be fighting a never-ending bitter war with neighbouring Iraq but it doesn't stop the Iranians from trying to improve their footballing standards.

One important gain for Iran is the appointment of Brazilian Edu to take charge of the national squad.

Edu, who was in Australia this year as coach of Vasco da Gama, turned down the chance of coaching Flamengo where his brother Zico plays.

He has chosen Iran instead because he feared media pressure would make the Flamengo job a constant worry.

It is said Iran is paying Edu much less than he could have picked up had he remained in Brazil.

LONG AWAY TRIP

EUGENIUSK KAPINSKI, sweeper with Poland's Under 23 squad, travelled to Switzerland with his club, Ruch Chorsow, for a friendly pre-season fixture.

He didn't go back to Poland. Another defection from the communist bloc.



MICHEL PLATINI celebrates a goal for Juventus. Argentine coach, Carlos Bilardo claims no matter how good a player is, if he doesn't perform as is needed or wanted he should be replaced. Including the likes of the brilliant Frenchman!

IT'S 500 UP FOR GIRESSE

ALAIN GIRESSE, the super French international midfielder, was given a great reception when he lined up for Bordeaux recently in his 500th game for the title-winners.

Giresse was the star of the French win in the European Championship last year and also

performed very well in the 1982 World Cup.

He signed for Bordeaux in October 1970.

Since then, Giresse has scored 151 goals, a remarkable tally for a player who sticks essentially to midfield duties.



A little man with a big heart and a tonne of skill. That's ALAIN GIRESSE, the whippy wizard of French football who just notched up his 500th game.

BARCELONA MISS ACE SCORER

BARCELONA beckoned English centre-forward Simon Stainrod recently but the player was unable to move to sunny Spain through a technicality.

Terry Venables, the Barcelona coach, was very keen to buy Stainrod in a deal which would have made the Sheffield Wednesday front man a wealthy footballer.

But the sometimes involved Spanish rules on foreign players killed any chance of the trans-

fer going through.

It was then expected that Stainrod would return to his former club, Queens Park Rangers, but QPR were deterred by the \$600,000 fee on his head.

That fee didn't worry Aston Villa. They nipped in to buy Stainrod and, after his sensational

debut match last week, were delighted with their new boy.

He scored four goals in a League Cup-tie for Aston Villa.

That's the sort of goalscoring Barcelona could do with if they are to retain their Spanish title.

GIVE 'EM THE MONEY!

HANNOVER 96 are finding the going tough in their first season back in West Germany's first division.

Following some poor results in early games, the club called a board meeting to thrash out their problems.

One suggestion was that new players would have to be signed but the directors turned it down.

Instead, they decided to increase winning bonuses for the players.

Hannover have been promised \$800 per man for a home win and \$1,200 per man when they win away.

UEFA Cup:

PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands) vs Dnepropetrovsk (Soviet Union) Waregem (Belgium) vs Atletico Osasuna (Spain) AC Milan (Italy) vs Lokomotive Leipzig (East Germany) Nantes (France) vs Partizan Belgrade (Yugoslavia) Inter Milan (Italy) vs Linz (Austria) Bohemians Prague (Czechoslovakia) vs Cologne (West Germany) Dundee United (Scotland) vs Skopje (Yugoslavia) Brugge (Belgium) vs Spartak Moscow (Soviet Union) Real Madrid (Spain) vs Odessa (Soviet Union) Videoton (Hungary) vs Legia Warsaw (Poland) St Mirren (Scotland) vs Hammarby Stockholm (Sweden) Sparta Rotterdam (Netherlands) vs Borussia Moenchengladbach (West Germany).

Lokomotiv Sofia (Bulgaria) vs Neuchatel Xamax (Switzerland) Liege (Belgium) vs Athletic Bilbao (Spain) AC Torino (Italy) vs Split (Yugoslavia) Sporting Lisbon (Portugal) vs Dinamo Tirana (Albania).

Cup Winners' Cup:

Dukla Prague (Czechoslovakia) vs AIK Stockholm (Sweden) Benfica Lisbon (Portugal) vs Sampdoria Genoa (Italy) Rapid Vienna (Austria) vs Fram Reykjavik (Iceland) Lyngby (Denmark) vs Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia) Uni Craiova (Romania) vs Dynamo Kiev (Soviet Union) Bangor (Wales) vs Atletico Madrid (Spain) Helsinki (Finland) vs Dynamo Dresden (East Germany) Uerdingen (West Germany) vs Galatabaray Istanbul (Turkey).

European Cup:

Anderlecht (Belgium) vs Omonia Nicosia (Cyprus) Barcelona (Spain) vs Porto (Portugal) Bayern Munich (West Germany) vs Austria Vienna (Austria) Honved Budapest (Hungary) vs Steaua Bucharest (Romania) Gothenburg (Sweden) vs Fenembahce Istanbul (Turkey) Verona (Italy) vs Juventus (Italy).

Leningrad (Soviet Union) vs Lahti (Finland) Servette Geneva (Switzerland) vs Aberdeen (Scotland).

Matches to be played on a home and away basis on October 23 and November 6 with the first named team at home in the first leg.

PHIL IS OUT

PHIL THOMPSON, former Liverpool and England skipper, has not settled in successfully yet with his new club, Sheffield United.

It was a blow for the 31-year-old defender when United relegated him to the substitute bench for the big Yorkshire game against Leeds United.



PHIL THOMPSON, in happier times!

SAO PAULO SIGNS UP FALCAO

BRAZIL's Falcao, rated by many good judges as the most outstanding player in the World Cup in Mexico, looks like being signed by Sao Paulo.

The classy midfielder has been in Italy with A.S. Roma since the World Cup.



PAULO ROBERTO FALCAO, joins Sao Paulo

UK Scene

HAPPY VALLEY NOW UNHAPPY

CHARLTON ATHLETIC supporters are very angry about the club's decision to quit its traditional ground at The Valley to share Selhurst Park with Crystal Palace.

After Charlton's last match at their home ground, fans tore up huge chunks of the pitch, taking them home as souvenirs.

They laid wreaths on the centre circle, staged a sit-in on the pitch at half-time and a demonstration in front of the directors box after the match, where they shouted. "There's no way we'll watch Charlton at the Palace."

To follow their team at

"home" in future, fans will have to travel 14 kilometres across south London.

Charlton manager Lennie Lawrence commented: "People must ask themselves whether it has all gone wrong in the past 18 months or is it 30 years of neglect?"

The Valley once accommodated a crowd of 75,031. Last season, Charlton's average attendance there was 5,099.

'LET ME LEAVE' SAYS HUCKER

GOALKEEPER Peter Hucker has asked QPR for a transfer after being dropped from the first team in favour of 30-year-old Paul Barron.

It is the first time in nine years with the club that Hucker has been dropped.

An England Under 21 representative, Hucker is expected to fetch \$300,000 on the transfer market.

He is not the only unsettled star at QPR.

Robbie James, Mike Robinson and David Kerslake are all wanting away and it seems new manager Jim Smith is ready for a big clear-out — selling players and bringing in new faces.

For all his chopping and changing though, Jim Smith is coming up with the desired results.

QPR are up among the leading bunch and only last week defeated Liverpool 2-1.

TERRY IS IN AGAIN

IPSWICH TOWN skipper Terry Butcher is having a dreadful season with injuries.

After recovering from a knee operation, Butcher was quickly back in hospital for another operation on the same knee.

That ruled him out of England's team to play Turkey in the World Cup.



Ever-reliable QPR keeper Peter Hucker wants to move.

MONEY THERE BUT VILLA CAN'T BUY

ASTON VILLA want to strengthen their team but, unless crowds improve, there will be no money available to buy new players.

Although team boss, Graham Turner has made a profit on transfer deals amounting to \$700,000, the money is being held in reserve to cover an anticipated loss

on the season of \$1,000,000.

Unless he can get his hands on that \$700,000, Turner knows he will not be able to buy anyone.

PETER BARNES STAKES ENGLAND CAP CLAIM

BELIEVE it or not, there is now talk about football's forgotten man, Peter Barnes, winning back his England place.

Until Manchester United stunned so many people by buying Barnes from Coventry City this year, the player looked to be heading for oblivion.

He had been released by Manchester City, West Brom, Leeds United, and Real Betis and Coventry were happy to accept a paltry \$60,000 for him.

Barnes quickly won a first team wing spot at Old Trafford when Jesper Olsen was injured and he has played particularly well after his speedy promotion.

Now there is conjecture that Barnes is knocking on the door of the England World Cup squad.

"Why not? There isn't a better winger in England this season than Peter," says his United manager Ron Atkinson.

And England boss Bobby Robson com-

mented: "I like wingers. I believe in wingers and I want one in Mexico next year."

"At the moment, John Barnes and Chris Waddle are the leading contenders but my mind is still open. If another winger convinced me he can do a job for England, I'll be more than interested."

Allan Clarke, former England centre-forward who once paid West Brom \$1,500,000 for Barnes to join Leeds United, says: "Peter Barnes is better than John Barnes or Waddle — he crosses a ball better."

The reborn Peter Barnes does not want to talk about regaining an England spot — his number one task, he says, is to hold a first team job with Manchester United.

"I thought the big days had gone forever for me," he said.



Peter is the boy

MIKE'S MADE A MOVE

MIDFIELDER MIKE HAZARD, one of the better players in a disappointing Spurs side which played in Australia this year, has been transferred to Chelsea for \$600,000.

Hazard, who admits he worships the Spurs club, was unhappy when he discovered the club no longer needed him.

He has been with Spurs ever since leaving school but now looks forward to helping Chelsea chase the first division title.

At 25, Hazard secured his future by signing a four-year agreement with the Stamford Bridge club.

"It will be good playing in front of Chelsea's big first division crowds instead of playing to about 10 spectators at Spurs' reserve team games," said Hazard.

MARK'S FEE AGREED

MARK CHAMBERLAIN, Stoke City's English international winger, will cost Sheffield Wednesday a fee of \$600,000.

That figure was settled by a tribunal after the two clubs failed to agree on the player's value.

Stoke asked \$1,500,000 for Chamberlain but Wednesday offered only \$500,000.

JACKIE LOOKS TO EUROPE

JACKIE CHARLTON has never been interested in taking his coaching talents overseas but he now admits he'd like to try his hand with a European club.

Charlton, who sensationally walked out on his Newcastle United job just before this season's opening match, has had offers to coach in the Middle East but is not keen. "Europe would be much more interesting,"

he said.

The English World Cup centre-half is thoroughly disillusioned with the British soccer scene.

Looking back on his exit from Newcastle, Jackie said: "In England, you're a bum one

week and a hero the next. It takes some getting used to."

"Time in football is next Saturday! That's how much time you get. If success is not immediate, the fans can't understand it."

BAILEY SEEKS NEW CONTRACT

GOALKEEPER Gary Bailey has been a fixture at Manchester United for so long the team wouldn't be the same without the fair-haired international.

But there are rumours that Bailey will not be at Old Trafford next season.

His contract is due for renewal and the club has not offered him a new one.

United paid Sunderland more than half a million dollars for another goalkeeper, Chris Turner. Could it

be that they do not want to spend heavily again on the goalkeeper position? Are they going to unload Bailey?

Bailey puts his side of the story: "If a new offer is not made to me in the next two or three months, I should have to start looking for an alternative. But I would love to stay with United."

MARINER CAN'T GET A GAME

ENGLAND international Paul Mariner is not happy about being relegated to the Arsenal reserve team.

It seems a move is due for the former Ipswich goalscorer who has probably realised already that his international career is over.

"I am fully fit and I'm anxious to play up front," said Mariner.

"At 32, I know I am at the crossroads but I still feel I can score goals at the top level."

Mariner has appeared in the Arsenal defence recently. His contract expires at the end of this season and there will be plenty of clubs keen to sign him if Arsenal give him his release.

Ambitious Portsmouth have had two bids turned down. And relegation candidates Sunderland and Ipswich Town would also like Mariner.



CHRIS TURNER



PAUL MARINER